THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) National Airports Authority has 7 airports in Andhra Pradesh, out of which 3 airports, namely, Cuddapah, Donakonda and Warrangal are not being used. There is a proposal to hand over these airports to the State Government for maintenance and use as airports.

Emergency landing of Boeing 747 at Bombay

3082. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Air India Boeing 747 on Delhi-Paris Flight (A1-1/7) landed in Bombay in the recent past in full emergency measures, following failure of one of its engines;

(b) what was the reasons for this emergency landing inspite of all safety checks; and

(c) what measures are being taken to avoid such happenings?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Air India Boeing 747 aircraft operatnig flight No. AI-147 from Delhi to Paris had made an emergency landing at Bombay on 27-2-94 as a result of damage to its No. 1 engine due to bird hit.

(c) Bird strike is a common aviation hazard all over the world and is difficult to prevent completely. However, International Airports Authority of India, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Administration are already engaged in minimising the bird hazard at Delhi to the extent possible.

ITDC Officials/Employees charge-sheeted due to Theft and Fraud

3083. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ITDC officials/employees charge-sheeted for alleged theft, fraud, dishonesty, etc. since January 1991;

(b) the details of each case, alongwith date of charge-sheet and also the details of the charge;

(c) whether any of them has since been suspended; if so, the details of each case;

(d) whether any departmental enquiry has been ordered into any of these cases;

(e) if so, when and the stage at which each departmental enquiry is presently pending; and

(f) what steps are being taken to streamline the Vigilance department of ITDC and to minimise frauds, thefts in ITDC?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) The information is given in the Annexure [See Appendix 170, Annexure No 64].

(f) The Vigilance Department of ITDC has been strengthened to detect cases and process them expeditiously.

The steps taken by ITDC to check/minimise thefts, fradus, etc. include installation of computorised cash registers billing machines) in the hotels exercising of strict supervision and control & taking disciplinary action against erring employees.

Guidelines for Operation of Airlines on non-economic routes

3084. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have issued guidelines on the 2nd March, 1994 making it mandatory for all scheduled airlines, including private airlines, to operate on non-economic routes;